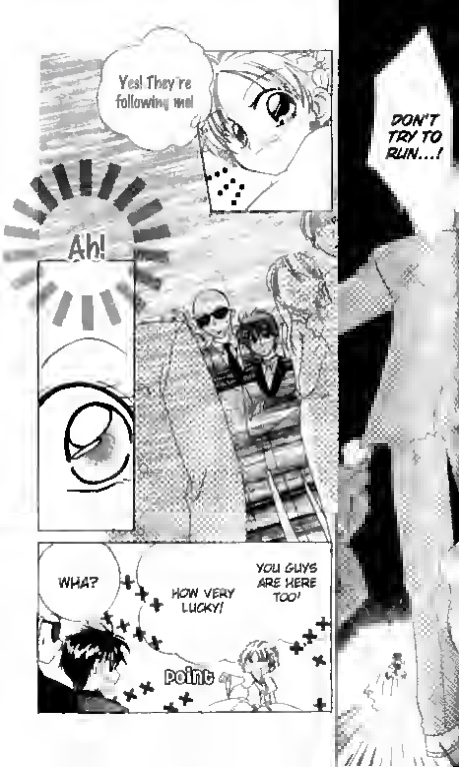
rule 4
From Sparrow to Phoenix 2000

Computer

Last year, I finally bought the computer that I'd been wanting so much. At first, the purpose of buying it was because I wanted to draw on the computer, but now that I've got it, all I do is surf the internet... I think that I'm not the type of person who can stare at the screen for a long time... What a shame...


Yes! They're following me!
DON'T TRY TO RUN...!
Ah!
WHA?
HOW VERY LUCKY!
YOU GUYS ARE HERE TOO!
Point

YOU'RE THE DIRECTOR'S FIANCÉE, MEGUMI-SAN!
OI!
I HAVE A REQUEST FOR YOU!
AH...
WE NEED TO CONTACT THE DIRECTOR IMMEDIATELY...!
SEITO!
EH? WHO ARE YOU, THEN?

BUT LET'S TALK LATER.
RIGHT NOW WE NEED TO GET ON THAT SHIP!
SAKI ASKED ME TO HELP YOU GUYS
Pineu
LUCKY I GOT HERE IN TIME!
WIPE
WIPE
WHO-WHO ARE YOU?
Zoooooom

Stand
Grab
I'M BORROWING THIS!
Bwahaha
DA DAMN YOU...
HAIYA!
HAIYA!
SWISH
Wait, wait, wait
Clang
HAH!
HAH!
ROLL
ROLL
Zzz
Bam
I wish you all a happy new century...!!
Everyone...!

Do you?
THUM
EH!?
PRO-PROBABLY!
Do you guys think that good things will happen in this brand-new year?
This might be a bit rude, but..
!?
But if these things make your mood sad or depressed then there's really no meaning to it anymore!
The world today contains lots of depressing or unlucky things
intense
So let us use the power of a new century to beat this slump!
The people who will create this new age are us!

Actually Even though I'm wearing this,
I'm just a worker hired by Mr. Thomas to help the bride
Cheers
Thank you! Thank you!
Congratulations!
Nice speech.
OH.
WHAT IS THAT GIRL DOING!?
At this moment, she is welcoming the new century with the one she wants to be with the most.
The real bride, Megumi-san isn't here right now
Bu - ut!
but the wedding is over...!
To...ll the people who came here for it, I'm sorry.
Shock
WHAT ...!

Please don't let this dampen your happy moods!
It's the year 2000! This is something worth celebrating!
For now! Feel free to drink and sing and have the time of your lives!
YUP! NOW I'LL GO ENJOY THE PARTY TOO...
Boof
Woo Woo
CHEER
Rock
.....
UH-HUH

...WHY?
Ehhhhhh?!
WHY MUST YOU TREAT ME LIKE THIS?
I SHOULD BE THE ONE WHO'S SAYING THAT.
WHY WOULD YOU, A MERE WORKER, RUIN THIS HIGHLY IMPORTANT WEDDING?
DIDN'T I ALREADY SAY?
MEGUMI-SAN LOVES SOMEONE ELSE MUCH MORE THAN YOU. THAT'S SOMETHING THAT CAN'T BE CHANGED.
This guy really has no idea.
SO THAT'S WHAT HAPPENED!
HUH?

!
CAN YOU TELL ME WHERE MEGUMI IS RIGHT NOW?
THEN LET US TALK ABOUT THIS DEAL!
HERE IS 50 MILLION YEN.
Dizzy
THIS WOULD PAY HALF OF MY DEBT.
FIFTY MILLION! HOW LONG WOULD I HAVE TO WORK TO GET THAT?!!
NO, WAIT! EVEN IF I HID 10 MILLION FOR MYSELF, TAKUMI WOULDN'T NOTICE!?
Dizzy
FI FIFIFIFI- FIFTY MILLION
Sigh
AH...
MEGUMI-SAN... SHE...
WHERE'S MEGUMI?

I... I WON'T TELL YOU!
BUT THIS IS THE HUMAN WEAKNESS!
OH SO SO MILLION ISN'T ENOUGH?
I TOLD YOU I WON'T SAY ANYTHING
I DON'T UNDER-STAND...
IT'S IMPOSSIBLE FOR YOU TO NOT LIKE MONEY
I REALLY DON'T UNDER-STAND...
HOW YOU AND MEGUMI THINK...

Chapter 4

In this chapter the title page drawing is a two-page one to fit with the magaz ine's planning. Actually I was planning to put Saki's speech in the last chapter.

But in this chapter, there's action, a gun and scenes with blood... it made me confusingly happy! I love drawing things like that.

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IF YOU JUST LISTEN AND OBEY ME,
THEN YOU WOULDN'T NEED TO DIE!
AND MEGUMI WOULD'VE HAD A CAREFREE HAPPY LIFE LIVING EACH DAY HOWEVER SHE WANTED TO!

I BEGAN TO FEEL VERY CONFUSED!
BUT...
BECAUSE MEGUMI-SAN...
DIDN'T SEEM TO BE HAPPY AT ALL!
THAT'S ENOUGH.
WHAT...

THOMAS!
TAKUMI!?
REALLY... WHAT ARE YOU DOING!?
YOU...
YOU GUYS KNOW EACH OTHER?
SEEMS LIKE IT!
YOU! SUCH AN ANNOYING GUY!
WHAT ARE YOU DOING!? TAKUMI!!
Fall
!?
WHO YOU...
ALWAYS TREAT PEOPLE WHO HAVE YOU LIKE THIS?
WHAT ARE YOU DOING!? YOUR SAVING IS SLOWER THAN A TURTLE!

THINK OF HOW MUCH YOU'D LOSE IF THAT HAPPENED!
THINK CAREFULLY!
WAI... WAIT!
I WON'T ALLOW THIS!
IF... IF YOU TAKE HER AWAY, THEN THE CONTRACT WE SIGNED BEFORE IS CANCELLED!
...I CAME TO TAKE HER BACK.
YOU'RE GETTING NO BENEFITS AT ALL!
IF YOU SAVE THIS LITTLE GIRL,
TAKUMI
YOU... TOO...?

EVEN YOU...
THINK THAT THERE'S SOMETHING IN THIS WORLD MORE IMPORTANT THAN MONEY...!?
YEAH.
I CAN ONLY SAY THAT TO
SHE'S A FORTUNE GODDESS VERY IMPORTANT TO ME!

TEA.
TEASING ME SHOULD HAVE A LIMIT!!
Grab
ock
JUMP!
Sh
EH!?
Ro

No. no way!
I can't swim...!
SPLAAASH
Aah! I'm...
GLUB GLUB GLUB
definitely going to die this time...

PU
?!
LL
Takumi!?
APPear
HUH?
S.....
SAVED
Cough
Cough
Cough
TAKUMI, DID YOU PULL ME UP.....?

TAKUMI ...!?
YOUR HAND...!!
IT'S ALRIGHT...
IT'S DEFINITELY NOT ALRIGHT!
WAIT...
ANYBODY THERE ...!?

IT'LL WASTE YOUR ENERGY...
ID IDIOT!
DON'T YELL SO MUCH!
DO YOU PLAN TO LEAVE US HERE ALONE!?
EH NO WAY WAI- WAIT FOR US!
No more!
Idiot!
Jerk!
DIZZY
ARE YOU ALL RIGHT!?
TA... TAKUMI!?
...REALLY,
IF YOU ARE INVOLVED, EVERYTHING SEEMS TO GET WORSE...

Tie
IT'S ALL BECAUSE I DID SOMETHING STUPID
SORRY
IF...
IT GOES BAD...
puff puff
HOW WILL THIS TURN OUT?
WE... WE'RE ALONE IN THE [illegible] AT WINTER.
THEN I WISH I COULD'VE SEEN MOTHER AND FATHER AND THEM... EVEN IF IT WAS JUST ONCE...
THEY WERE THE PEOPLE WHO LEFT A HUGE DEBT FOR YOU AND RAN AWAY!
YOU'RE PRETTY WEIRD...
WE'RE FAMILY, AFTER ALL.
YEAH... BUT...

SLUMP
TAKUMI TAKUMI!
!
TAKUMI'S BODY IS SO COLD!
!
WAIT NO!
P... PULL YOURSELF TOGETHER!
JUST IGNORE ME!
EH...?
I.
HN.
DON'T GET IT

Idiot!!
BAM
YOU...
WOULDN'T IT BE A GOOD THING FOR YOU?
Shock
IF I DIED,
SUMMON UP YOUR COURAGE!
IT WAS YOU THAT I BORROWED 100 MILLION YEN FROM!!
I WILL DEFINITELY RETURN THE DEBT COMPLETELY!
SHOCK!
I HATE LEAVING THINGS HALF DONE!

YOU CAN'T DIE!
BEFORE THAT HAPPENS ...
Rumble Rumble
Rumble Kill Rumble
SAY!

Ru
mble
SA-
KI!
Ru
mble
TA-
KU-
MI-
SAN!
KAGETSU!?
I don't want to do this myself!
LIGH, DON'T BE LIKE THIS!
BUT...
I'M REALLY SORRY!
BECAUSE OF US...

FINISH MY JOB PROPERLY?
ARE YOU GUYS WILLING TO LET ME...
INSTEAD OF TALKING ABOUT THAT,
SAKURAZAWA SEITO, HODEN MEGUMI...
DO YOU TWO VOW TO LOVE EACH OTHER FOREVER?
I VOW.

THIS IS GREAT, MEGUMI-SAN!
IT'S NOT.
THE WORLD OF DEBTS IS WAITING FOR THEM.
Megumi's father borrowed money because his company collapsed

AS LONG AS THERE'S LOVE, RETURNING A DEBT IS EASY!
Sob Sob Sob
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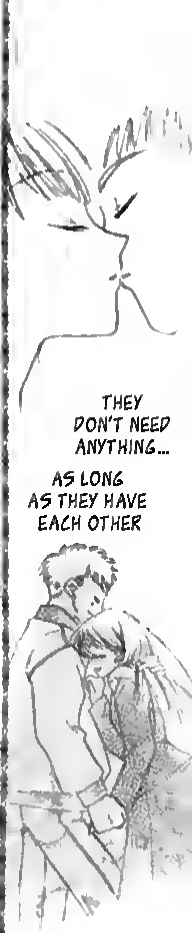
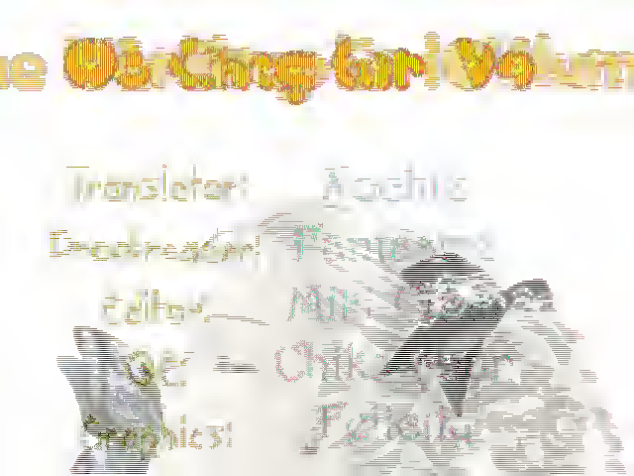
I SEE.
Move
Smile
LOVE, EH?
EH!?
Thump


THEY DON'T NEED ANYTHING...
AS LONG AS THEY HAVE EACH OTHER

500 THOUSAND YEN PLEASE.
EH?
YOU GOT SOME EXTRA CASH FROM THOMAS RIGHT?
DON'T STOP WORKING ON THE DEBT! IT'S EASY WITH LOVE, RIGHT?
THERE'S ABSOLUTELY NO LOVE BETWEEN ME AND YOU...!!
...!!!



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Lovelipop Headquarters
You scared me
EXCUSE ME I JUST FINISHED YOU RELEASE THIS MORNING...
I CAN'T HANDLE THE SUSPENSE! WHAT HAPPENS NEXT?
It's already evening
Closes Book
WHAT HAPPENS NEXT? I'M AFRAID I DON'T KNOW EITHER.
WE DON'T HAVE ENOUGH TRANSLATORS OR EDITORS TO HELP US SCANLATE
The next chapter will come out really late...
WHAT!?
BUT I WANT TO KNOW WHAT HAPPENS RIGHT NOW...
CAN YOU TRANSLATE JAPANESE/ CHINESE? OR CLEAN AND TYPESET SCANS?
NO...
THEN AT LEAST READ THIS.
Recruitment Page
ATTENTION EVERYONE! LOVELIPOP NEEDS YOUR HELP!
WE ARE CURRENTLY LOOKING FOR NEW STAFF MEMBERS
IF YOU FEEL LIKE HELPING OUT IN ANY WAY... PLEASE VISIT OUR FORUMS* WE'LL BE WAITING!
*HTTP://213.INVISIONFREE.COM/LOVELIPOP_SCANS/INDEX.PHP?